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ENJOY THE DAY-TOMORROW IS YET TO ARRIVE

In last month's issue of the newsletter, I wrote about the Chilean miners for whom tomorrow was yet to arrive. Thank God, the magic of engineering saved them from a granite entombment.

Everyday, we take life for granted and it is only when we are denied something that we miss it. Along the same lines, we also take for granted the love that we share for each other.

Only too often, it's only when our loved ones are missing that we realize how much of an absence there is or a void that has been created in our lives. Please take the time to tell them that you also love them. We read very often about people who regret not having told their loved ones that they love them, only after it's too late to do so.

There are many little things in life that we are blessed with but do not really take the time to appreciate. Somehow, the business of modern day living has stopped us from enjoying the really important things in our lives. These things range from "the loved ones greeting us home after a hard day's work" through "a total stranger in the street offering their help" to "the pet dog coming to you when you get home to seek a cuddle from you". Enjoy these real blessings rather than trying to obtain the impossible. That reminds me of the fact that many of us forget what we already have. Instead, we seek the most unattainable rather than enjoy what we are already blessed with.

I remember my Dad saying to me: "Happiness cannot be bought." There is no shop that you can walk in and buy happiness from. However, you have access to something even better. Each morning when you open your eyes say to yourself: "I, not events, have the power to make me happy or unhappy today. I can choose which it shall be. Yesterday is dead, tomorrow hasn't arrived yet. I have just one day, today, and I'm going to be happy today."



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Get to know Dr Navinchandra Ramgoolam Hon Prime Minister of Mauritius

Married to Veena Brizmohun in 1979. Born 14 July 1947
Son of the late Sir Seewoosagur Ramgoolam and
Lady Sushil Ramgoolam

EDUCATION:

1993 Called to the United Kingdom Bar, Inner Temple
1992-1993 Vocation Course - Inns of Court School of Law
1987-1990 LLB (Hons) - The London School of Economics and Political Science, University of London
1968-1975 LRCP & LRCSI - Royal College of Surgeons, Dublin

AWARDS:

Honorary Fellow London School of Economics (1998)
Dr Honoris Causa University of Mauritius (1998)
Dr Honoris Causa Aligarh Muslim University, India (1998)
Dr Honoris Causa Jawaharlal Nehru University, India (October 2005)
Grand Officier de la Légion d'Honneur, France (March 2006)
Honorary Freeman of Rodrigues, Rodrigues Regional Assembly (March 2007)
The Wilberforce Medal Wilberforce Lecture Trust, Hull, United Kingdom (June 2007)
The Rajiv Gandhi Award Regional Mumbai Congress Committee, India (August 2007)
The Pravasi Bharatiya Samman Award Government of the Republic of India (January 2008)
Grand Commander of the Order of the Star and Key of the Indian Ocean (GCSK) Government of the Republic of Mauritius (March 2008)
Prix Louise Michel Centre d'Etudes Politiques et de Société (CEPS), Paris (Juin 2008)
Doctor of Science (Honoris Causa) Padmashree Dr D. Y. Patil University, Mumbai, India (February 2009)
Fellow of the Royal College of Physicians (FRCP)
Royal College of Physicians, London (May 2009)
Honorary Doctor Staffordshire University, United Kingdom (July 2010)



Meeting with Michelle & Barack Obama

POSITIONS HELD:

6 May 2010 Prime Minister & Minister of Defence, Home Affairs and External Communications
5 July 2005 Prime Minister, Minister of Defence and Home Affairs
Oct 2000 - 4 July 2005 Member of Parliament & Leader of the Opposition, Mauritius
27 Dec 1995 - Sept 2000 Prime Minister of the Republic of Mauritius
1994 Barrister-at-Law - Thomas Moore Chambers, London
Sept 1991 - Dec 1995 Member of the Parliament & Leader of the Opposition, Mauritius
June 1991-July 1992 President of the Mauritius Labour Party
Feb 1991-Present Leader of the Mauritius Labour Party
1985-1987 General Practitioner, Mauritius
1982-1985 Resident Medical Officer, The Yorkshire Clinic, BINGLEY, West Yorkshire
1981-1982 • Locum - Amersham General Hospital • Hammersmith Hospital, London + General Medicine Course • House Officer - Nunnery Fields Hospital, Kent
1977-1981 Clinical Assistant-Cardiology University College Hospital, London
1976-1977 Resident Medical Officer - Dr A.G Jeetoo Hospital, Mauritius
1975-1976 Intern St. Laurences Hospital, Dublin
1976 Monaghan County Hospital, Monaghan, Ireland

ACTIVITIES:

1970 President-Mauritian Students Union Society, Dublin
1986-1988 Member of Mauritius Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals
1987-1990 Member - Mauritian Students Union Society, L.S.E., London
1989-Present Member of Mauritius Turf Club

Air Mauritius has special flights via Melbourne to Mauritius

Flights to Mauritius over the peak period from October to January are selling fast. Many flights are totally full. In order to help the Mauritian community get home to Mauritius and see family and friends, a special fare to fly via Melbourne has now been made available.

AIRFARE TO MAURITIUS

(Sydney/Mauritius/Sydney via Melbourne)

For departure: from 18 October 2010 to 31 January 2012

COST starting from: \$1,550.00 Adult \$1,210.00 Child \$120.00 Infant
Including airport taxes & fuel surcharges (Ticket is valid for 2 months).

Confirm prices and availability with Air Mauritius or your travel agent

PLEASE NOTE:

The above fares are subject to change & flight availability. Taxes & fuel surcharges are based on prevailing exchange rates & do fluctuate day to day - exact amount will be re-calculated on day of booking & final payment.

BE QUICK AS SEATS ARE VERY LIMITED!!

Contact Air Mauritius on 1300 332 077 or your local travel agent.



We also have the pleasure to welcome Maryanne Perera who has been appointed Sales & Marketing Executive for Air Mauritius in Australia. Based in the Sydney office, Maryanne will be responsible for driving sales, marketing and business development activity across Australia with a specific focus on Sydney and New South Wales.

Maryanne has completed a Bachelor of Management in Tourism degree at the University of Technology, Sydney and has worked in the aviation industry for 6-years. Maryanne joins us from Cathay Pacific Airways having worked as a Business Development Executive. Prior to this Maryanne worked for Royal Brunei Airlines in London as Sales and Marketing Coordinator. This experience across multiple airlines will help Air Mauritius grow its tourism and business links between Australia and Mauritius and beyond.

Congratulations to Maryanne on her appointment from Mauritius Australia Connection.



Maryanne Perera

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Robert Duverge—Se tenir la main

'Se tenir la main'
CD/DVD Single

Durant le coma de Jean-François en clinique, quand j'ai eu enfin le droit et commencé à lui tenir la main, nonobstant mon désarroi grandissant, j'ai griffonné quatre phrases, premiers vers d'un poème que j'ai terminé par la suite et même publié sur Facebook :

'Lui tenir la main
Comme ses premières années
Quand je le guidais
Vers un meilleur demain'

Plus de trois ans après, on commence à mettre JF debout, j'aide et lui tiens la main fortement, et je sais que durant sa longue rééducation, j'aurai à lui tenir la main pour le réapprendre à marcher... comme pour ses premiers pas, alors tout petit...



Je demande à tous mes contacts mail/Facebook qui sont pour la plupart des proches, des amis, des potes ou ceux de JF, de me donner un coup de main et placer chacun pour moi un maximum de singles à Rs150 l'unité, toutes les recettes iront évidemment au fonds de soutien JF.

Je crois pour ce cas particulier, dans ce système de distribution : parent-copain ami-collègue-connaissance-cercle familial-professionnel-social-solidarité

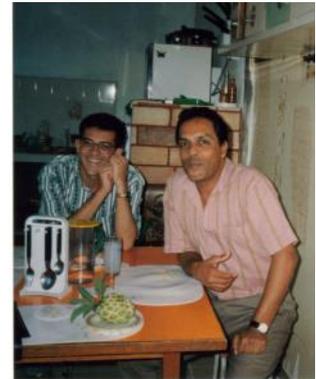
Robert

Le Comité de Soutien JF est composé de parents et amis de Jean-François et a tenu sa 1ère réunion le 30.01.07. Son rôle est de planifier organiser et/ou chauffer toutes les activités de levées de fonds et gérer un compte à la MCB.

Les membres sont Sandra Rochecouste, Claudie Constantin, Ingrid Glover, Dominic Provençal, Dominique Legrand, Patrice Bastide, - Edward Sardes, David Martial, Richard Toussaint, Karyne Glover, Bernard Boutin, Sara Boutin, Dédé Bancelhon jr, Jean-Jacques Bancelhon, Kevin Lennon, Jean Claude Bancelhon. Benoît Bancelhon, Jean Boutin, Thierry Boutin, Ruvani Ramassawmy, Valérie et Robert Duvergé.

Visitez <http://www.soutienjfd.com/index.html>

Email de Robert Duverge beko@intnet.mu



CGMR, the first Mauritian Genealogical Association

A Genealogical Association whose services would be open to Mauritian of all origins, residing at home or abroad, of Mauritian descent or not, wishing to trace their roots or showing interest in the history of Mauritius.

An association promoting friendly assistance between its members to help in any way possible the preservation of archival documents through digital scanning, photography and processing of data obtained.

<http://www.cgmgenealogie.org>

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Chinese in Mauritius-Extracts from Culture Shock Mauritius by Roseline Ng Cheong Lum

The first attempt to bring Chinese coolies to Mauritius in 18th century proved unsuccessful as Chinese women refused to accompany their husbands. The first Chinese settlers in the 19th century were traders and artisans from the southern provinces of Guangdong and Fujian, Cantonese and Hokkiens. Most of the latter married local women and the tiny Hokkien clan has almost completely lost touch with its roots and traditions, having more or less been absorbed into the Creole population. The Cantonese also form a minority group now, but they have maintained their language and culture, greatly helped by the trading links between Mauritius and Hong Kong.



Cantonese man

The majority of the Chinese population today is made up of Hakkas, also from the province of Guangdong. At first, only the men came out and they later sent for their wives and children after they made some money. Or, if they were bachelors, they went back to China to find a wife. Meanwhile they lived with local women with whom they had children. When the Chinese wife came along, the latter was relegated to the status of concubine and lived apart. The children, if male, would still part of the father's fortune. The bulk of this Chinese immigration took part around World War II.

The overwhelming majority of the Chinese community is Christian, mostly Roman Catholic. As the immigrants did not have any religion and the Confucianist and Taoist doctrines they practiced were more a way of life than religion, they were easy subjects for the proselytising

Christian religions. Many converted because some of the best schools were run by the churches and conversion was the only way their children could gain access to those schools. Others found that asking their bankers and suppliers to become their children's godparents was a good way to strike up a relationship with someone who was so essential to their business. When children were born were born to the mostly illiterate Chinese migrants, they took along their passports to the registry of births. The non-Chinese clerk, seeing three Chinese names on the passport (eg Charmaine Lee Ka Tong), assumed it was all the surname and recorded the father's full name as the child's surname. Thus, most Mauritian Chinese have a three-name surname, their progenitor's full name. They know that only the first name is actually the surname but use the whole name as their surname in the Western style, usually with a Christian first name. Charmaine, in the example given, might call herself simply Charmaine Lee, but in the eyes of the law, she is Charmaine Lee Ka Tong.

Notes from Wikipedia.org:

During the 1880s, despite the continuous influx of immigrants, Mauritius' Chinese population declined; Chinese traders, legally unable to purchase land in Mauritius, instead brought their relatives from China over to Mauritius. After training them for a few years to give them a handle on the business and to introduce them to life in a Western-ruled colonial society, the traders sent those relatives on their way, with capital and letters of introduction, to establish businesses in neighbouring countries. For example, between 1888 and 1898, nearly 1,800 Chinese departed from Port Louis with ports on the African mainland—largely Port Elizabeth and Durban—as their destinations. By 1901, the Sino-Mauritian population had shrunk to 3,515 individuals, among them 2,585 being business owners. Until the 1930s, Chinese migrants continued to arrive in Port Louis, but with the strain on the local economy's ability to absorb them, many found that Mauritius would only be their first stop; they went on to the African mainland (especially South Africa), as well as to Madagascar, Réunion, and Seychelles. After World War II, immigration from China largely came to an end.

However, Sino-Mauritians continued to maintain the personal ethnic networks connecting them to relatives in greater China, which would play an important role in the 1980s, with the rise of the export-processing zones. Foreign investors from Hong Kong and Taiwan, and the factories they built in the EPZs, helped Mauritius to become the third-largest exporter of woollen knitwear in the world. Along with the investors came a new influx of Chinese migrant workers, who signed on for three-year stints in the garment factories. Today, the Chinese population in Mauritius is around 30,000 and diminishing. Apparently, young Chinese after undertaking tertiary studies overseas are reluctant to return to Mauritius. They consider their career prospects brighter in countries such as Europe, United States, Canada and Australia.



Hokkien man



Hakka man



Chinese President Hu Jintao shakes hands with Mauritian Prime Minister Navinchandra Ramgoolam

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